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## 1. Aircraft Observed:

- a. 20 March: 8 YAK-18's
- 22 March: 2 YAK-11's
- 23 March: 6 YAK-18's
- 25 March: 4 YAK-18's
- 4 YAK-11's
- 1 PO-2
- 29 March: 4 YAK-11's
- 30 March: 4 YAK-18's
- 8 YAK-18's or YAK-11's in front of the hangers
- 31 March: 8 YAK-18's or YAK-11's.

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## 2. Miscellaneous:

- a. On 1 April 1954, three MIG-15's with wing tanks arrived at the airfield by air. It is thought that they came from Drewitz, where MIG-15's have recently been seen again. The MIG-15's are said to have arrived for training purposes beginning with the second quarter of the year.
- b. On 9 April, at 12:15 p.m., nine MIG-15's landed in formation on Cottbus airfield. The aircraft came from the direction of Alt Lönnewitz.

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- c. Nine YAK-11's and four YAK-18's made practice flights on every flying day since 3 April 1954.
- d. Since 1 April 1954, airmen of the KVP, with blue shoulderboards, have been carrying out infantry training daily in the training area of Schmellwitz, bordering the Nordrand target range. Previously, towards the end of March, between 12 and 15 officers of the air force had been observed measuring out areas on and near the target range.
- e. The Soviet officers in Cottbus, numbering some ten officers under the command of a major, wear German uniforms and use German vehicles for duty trips. The senior German officer is a brigadier general.

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